

104TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3491

To repeal the American Folklife Preservation Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 1996

Mr. THOMAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on House Oversight

A BILL

To repeal the American Folklife Preservation Act.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. REPEAL OF AMERICAN FOLKLIFE PRESERVA-**
4 **TION ACT.**

5 Effective October 1, 1996—

6 (1) the American Folklife Center (including the
7 Board of Trustees of the Center) in the Library of
8 Congress is abolished and the American Folklife
9 Preservation Act (20 U.S.C. 2101 et seq.) is re-
10 pealed; and

11 (2) the Librarian of Congress shall, with re-
12 spect to American folklife, carry out the functions of

1 collection, preservation, reference, and archiving as
2 part of the general operations of the Library.

3 **SEC. 2. TRANSITION PROVISIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—To carry out section 1, the Li-
5 brarian of Congress shall, in accordance with applicable
6 law—

7 (1) terminate contracts, dispose of property,
8 and conclude the outstanding affairs of the Amer-
9 ican Folklife Center; and

10 (2) handle all other administrative matters in
11 consequence of the repeal under section 1, including
12 matters affecting personnel, assets, liabilities, and
13 records.

14 (b) UNEXPENDED BALANCES.—Any balance of unex-
15 pended funds remaining on October 1, 1996, with respect
16 to the Act repealed by section 1 shall be available until
17 September 30, 1997, to liquidate outstanding obligations.
18 Effective October 1, 1997, any unexpended balance re-
19 maining shall be deposited in the Treasury, to be used for
20 deficit reduction.

21 (c) REPORTS.—Beginning in November 1996, the Li-
22 brarian of Congress shall, not later than the end of each
23 month, submit to the Committee on House Oversight of
24 the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules
25 and Administration of the Senate an itemized report of

1 the disposition of unexpended balances under subsection
2 (b) for the preceding month. The last such report shall
3 be submitted not later than the end of October 1997 and
4 shall contain a statement of the deposit in the Treasury
5 under the third sentence of subsection (b).

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